

REMARKS

Claims 113-185 are pending in the application.

Claims 113, 131, 158 and 172-185 stand rejected.

Claims 114-130, 132-157 and 159-171 stand objected to.

Claims 113-114, 129, 131, 133, 135, 144, 149, 158, 160, 164, 170-172, 174-176, 178 and 181-182 have been amended.

Claims 121, 132, 134, 139, 143, 159, 163 173 and 177 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 114-130, 132-157, 159-171 are objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant wishes to express his appreciation for the indicated allowability of claims 114-130, 132-157, 159-171. In response, Applicant has amended independent claims 113, 131, 158 and 172 to include pertinent limitations of certain of the objected to claims, as well as those of corresponding intervening claims. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that amended independent claims 113, 131, 158 and 172, as well as all claims depending thereon, are in condition for allowance.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 170-185 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 170 and 171 to correct the editorial error contained in the preambles of these claims. Applicant has amended claim 172 to recite that the computer program product comprises a computer readable storage media. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments address the Examiner's concerns, and so overcome this rejection.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 113, 131, and 158 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Clearly, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,504,905.

While not conceding that the cited reference qualifies as prior art, but instead to expedite prosecution, Applicants have chosen to respectfully traverse the rejection in light of the amendments made to independent claims 113, 131, 158 and 172. Applicants have amended independent claims 113, 131, 158 and 172 to include limitations of allowable claims, and so believe this rejection to be overcome thereby. Applicants reserve the right, for example, in a continuing application, to establish that the cited reference, or other references cited now or hereafter, do not qualify as prior art as to an invention embodiment previously, currently, or subsequently claimed.

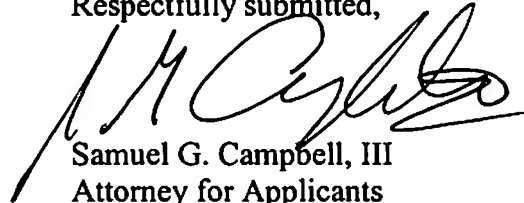
Applicants, having amended independent claims 113, 131, 158 and 172 to include pertinent limitations of certain of the objected to claims, as well as those of corresponding intervening claims, therefore respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome thereby, and that claims 113, 131 and 158, as well as claim 172 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5084.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

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